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SUBJECT: ZAIRE MAGAZINE CALLS FORD PARDON OF NIXON HIS "SECOND ERROR"

1. ZAIRE MAGAZINE OF SEPTEMBER 23 CALLS FORD PARDON OF NIXON HIS "SECOND ERROR", HIS FIRST ERROR IS "HAVING NEGLECTED HIS EUROPEAN ALLIES IN HIS SPEECH TO CONGRESS".

2. ARTICLE CRITICIZES APPARENT ABOUT-FACE OF PRESIDENT AFTER FORD DECLARATION OF SEVERAL WEEKS AGO THAT TO PARDON HIS PREDECESSOR WOULD BE "INOPPORTUNE" PRIOR TO THE CONCLUSION OF THE JURIDICAL PROCESS.

3. WRITER CONTENDS THAT "IN CONGRESS, NUMEROUS DEMOCRATS AND EVEN SOME REPLUBLICAN BELIEVE THAT THE DECISION OF PRESIDENT FORD ESTABLISHES TWO TYPES OF JUSTICE -- ONE FOR THE FORMER PRESIDENT AND ANOTHER FOR ALL OF THE 40 OTHER PERSONS IMPLICATED IN THE WATERGATE AFFAIR".

4. ARTICLE CONCLUDES WITH CLAIM THAT, "ONCE AGAIN, THE GREAT DECEPTION IS FOR THOSE WHO PRETENDED TO CONSIDER WATERGATE THE PROOF OF THE AMERICAN DEMOCRACY".
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5. COMMENT: ZAIRIAN PRESS HAD BEEN LATE IN GETTING ON TO WATERGATE, BUT REACTION TO U.S. PROCESS HAD BEEN GENERALLY FAVORABLE AS NIXON RESIGNATION OR IMPEACHMENT BECAME INCREASINGLY INEVITABLE. THIS REPRESENTS FIRST CRITICAL MEDIA REACTION BOTH TO FORD AND TO WATERGATE.
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